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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH KUWAIT BOYCOTT OFFICE DIRECTOR
ON U.S. ANTIBOYCOTT LEGISLATION

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1. E/C SECTION CHIEF BUCK BRIEFED KUWAIT BOYCOTT OFFICE
DIRECTOR MOHAMAD GHARABALLY ON NEW U.S. LEGISLATION CONCERN-
ING BOYCOTTS JULY 20. GHARABELLY WAS SOMEWHAT FAMILIAR
WITH LAW HAVING RECEIVED COPY OF EMBASSY'S AIDE MEMOIRE
ON SUBJECT, PLUS TEXT OF LAW. AFTER EMBOFF MADE
PRESENTATION ALONG LINES REF E, WINDING UP WITH
EMPHASIS FOR NEED FOR POSITIVE CERTIFICATION, GHARABALLY

REMARKED THAT HE FOUND SECRETARY VANCE'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE FACT THAT SAUDI ARABIA AND MANY OTHER ARAB STATES HAD ACCEPTED POSITIVE CERTIFICATION SOMEWHAT HUMOROUS BECAUSE EVER SINCE 1961, ARAB LEAGUE HAD ACCEPTED POSITIVE CERTIFICATION (REF D). IN FACT, GHARABALLY SAID, BECAUSE BOYCOTT OFFICE HAD RECEIVED NUMBER OF NEGATIVE CERTIFICATES IN EARLY 1960'S, JULY 4, 1966 IT ISSUED NOTICE NO. 1195 REMINDING KUWAIT BANKS, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AND OTHER CONCERNED PARTIES THAT POSITIVE AND NOT NEGATIVE CERTIFICATION WAS REQUIRED. GHARABALLY SAID HE CONTINUED TO RECEIVE QUERIES FROM LOCAL BANKS ON THIS SCORE AND HIS RESPONSE IN EVERY CASE WAS THE SAME--POSITIVE AND ONLY POSITIVE LANGUAGE-- WAS REQUIRED. (COMMENT: BOYCOTT OFFICE NOTICE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY PUBLISHED IN KUWAIT OFFICIAL GAZETTE NO. 619 OF MARCH 19, 1967. TRANSLATION OF THIS NOTICE IS CONTAINED IN KUWAIT'S A-327 OF MAY 25, 1967, COPIES OF WHICH ARE BEING POUCHED TO NEA/RA AND NEA/ARP).

2. TENDERS. GHARABALLY CLARIFIED KUWAIT BOYCOTT REGULATIONS REGARDING TENDERS AS FOLLOWS: STATEMENT FROM COMPANY THAT IT IS NOT ON BOYCOTT LIST IS NOT ACTUALLY REQUIRED. RATHER USUAL PROCEDURE IS FOR THE FOREIGN FIRM TO HAVE ITS AGENT ASK THE BOYCOTT OFFICE WHETHER THE FOREIGN FIRM IS ON THE BOYCOTT LIST. THE BOYCOTT OFFICE THEN REPLIES TO THIS INQUIRY AND THEN THE AGENT, IN SUBMITTING TENDER, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOTIFIES THE MINISTRY OR COMPANY CONCERNED THAT THE FIRM IS NOT ON THE BOYCOTT LIST, BASED ON BOYCOTT OFFICER LETTER.

3. ALEXANDRIA CONFERENCE. GHARABALLY ATTENDED ALEXANDRIA CONFERENCE. HE SAID THAT THE CONFERENCE HAD ADDED A NUMBER OF FOREIGN FIRMS TO BOYCOTT LIST AND TAKEN SOME OTHERS OFF. WHILE U.S. ANTIBOYCOTT LEGISLATION WAS DISCUSSED, HE SAID HE KNEW OF NO SPECIFIC CONCRETE ACTIONS IN THE FORM OF NEW REGULATIONS OR REQUIREMENTS TAKEN BY THE CONFERENCE IN RESPONSE TO THE U.S. ANTI-BOYCOTT LEGISLATION.

4. COMMENT: A GOOD DEAL OF CONFUSION WOULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED IF WE COULD HAVE TALKED TO THE OFFICE OF THE BOYCOTT DIRECTOR SOONER. THE OFFICER'S REPUTATION FOR DIFFICULTY MAY PARTLY RESULT FROM A LANGUAGE PROBLEM. GHARABALLY HAS A LICENSE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MARSEILLE AND IS MUCH MORE AT HOME IN FRENCH THAN IN ENGLISH. HE IS ABOUT 30 AND SOMEWHAT SHY, BUT FRIENDLY. WE WILL BRING 1967 BOYCOTT OFFICE NOTICE TO ATTENTION OF ACTING CENTRAL BANK GOVERNOR AT MEETING WHICH HAS NOW SLIPPED TO JULY 27.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE (1) DEPARTMENT AND USDOC GIVING WIDEST DISSEMINATION TO FACT THAT KUWAIT ACCEPTS POSITIVE CERTIFICATION SO AS TO ALLEVIATE CONCERNS OF SOME U.S. EXPORTERS AND CONTRACTORS ABOUT DEALING WITH KUWAIT. (2) IF POSSIBLE, ADVICE ON WHETHER OR NOT BOYCOTT PROCEDURES REGARDING TENDERS, OUTLINED IN PARA. 2 ABOVE, WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE UNDER THE NEW U.S. LAW.
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